

FOODSTUFFS PRODUCTION

*Exchange of notes at Caracas May 14, 1945, amending and extending
agreement of May 14, 1943, as extended*

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Department of State files

*The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Acting Minister
of Foreign Affairs*

No. 2077

CARACAS, May 14, 1945

EXCELLENCY:

Authorized by my Government I have the honor to confirm in this note that as a result of the conversations between His Excellency the Minister of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry and the Vice-President of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, Colonel Harold B. Gotaas, it has been agreed between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United States of Venezuela to extend, for one year more, from this date, the Agreement for the Development of the Production of Foodstuffs concluded between our two countries on May 14, 1943.¹ The said extension will be accomplished with the following changes in the text of the said agreement:

1st. Clauses second and twelfth are suppressed.

2nd. A new clause will be added replacing the second clause of which the following is the text:

"SECOND: The essential objective of the S.C.I.P.A. shall be the realization of a cooperative program of agricultural development in Venezuela. Its program for this end shall be accomplished by means of projects intended to increase or improve the growing or breeding, development, conservation, distribution or consumption of foodstuffs of vegetable or animal origin of primary necessity as well as to improve agricultural conditions or home eco-

¹ EAS 333, *ante*, p. 1171.

nomics. The kind of work, the specific projects to be undertaken and the allocation of funds therefor, shall be agreed upon in writing between the Minister of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry and the Chief of the Food Production Mission in his capacity as representative of The Institute of Inter-American Affairs. The Technical Director of S.C.I.P.A. shall be responsible for the execution of the projects and he shall carry them out in accordance with the respective project agreements, the provisions of the *modus vivendi* and the general policies and procedures which, within the letter and spirit thereof have been or may be agreed upon between the Minister of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry and the Chief of the Food Production Mission."

3rd. Clause sixth is replaced by another the text of which follows:

"SIXTH. In view of the fact that the funds which were allocated by the Government of the United States of Venezuela and the Government of the United States of America, in accordance with the provisions of Clause SIX of the Agreement entered into by both countries on May 14, 1943, renewed for one year on May 13, 1944, have not been totally expended by the S.C.I.P.A., it is understood that the unexpended balance of said funds shall continue to be administered in accordance with the present *modus vivendi* in order to complete the projects already in execution and in order to develop such new projects as may be agreed upon during this extension, by the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry and the Chief of the Food Mission. In view of the special nature of S.C.I.P.A. it shall withhold any revenues that may be forthcoming from its activities and which are separate from those contributed by both Governments and it shall invest them and administer them for the same purposes and in the same manner as the latter funds."

4th. A new clause is included to replace clause twelve, the text of which follows:

"TWELFTH. All functions, duties, rights, and powers of the Chief of the Food Production Mission and of the Technical Director of S.C.I.P.A. may be delegated to representatives."

The present extension shall be valid to May 14, 1946, but in case our two governments deem it convenient to continue its provisions for another period of one year, from that date, the conversations regarding the determination of a basis and conditions in conformity with which the new extension will be agreed upon, shall be initiated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal

Husbandry and the official authorized for the purpose by the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, sufficiently in advance to the end that the exchange of the respective notes may be made opportunely.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

JOSEPH FLACK
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

His Excellency

Dr. ROBERTO PICÓN LARES,
*Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Caracas.*

*The Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim*

[TRANSLATION]

DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL ECONOMY

No. 1254-E
Economics Section

CARACAS, May 14, 1945

MR. CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES:

Authorized by my Government I have the honor to confirm in this note that as a result of the conversations between His Excellency the Minister of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry and the Executive Vice President of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, Colonel Harold B. Gotaas, it has been agreed between the Government of the United States of Venezuela and the Government of the United States of America to extend, for one year more, from this date, the Agreement for the Development of the Production of Foodstuffs concluded between our two countries on May 14, 1943. The said extension will be accomplished with the following changes in the text of the said agreement:

[For text of amendments, see numbered paragraphs in U.S. note, above.]

The present extension shall be valid to May 14, 1946, but in case our two Governments deem it convenient to continue its provisions for another period of one year from that date, the conversations regarding the determination of the bases and conditions in conformity with which the new extension will be agreed upon shall be initiated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry and the official authorized for the purpose by the Institute of

Inter-American Affairs sufficiently in advance, to the end that the exchange of notes relative thereto may be made opportunely.

I beg you, Sir, to accept the assurances of my high consideration and esteem.

ROBERTO PICÓN LARES

The Honorable

JOSEPH FLACK,

Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

of the United States of America,

City.